

**CITY OF CARLSBAD**  
**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR:**

## SATELLITE ANTENNA PERMITS

Satellite antennas are permitted in the City of Carlsbad with a satellite antenna permit. In order to receive a permit, certain conditions must be met. Satellite television antennas less than thirty (30) inches in diameter are permitted in any zone and are not subject to the requirements of Zoning Ordinance Section 21.53.140, provided that such antennas are attached to a permitted main or accessory structure on the lot.

Below is a summary of the satellite antenna ordinance. Please refer to Section 21.53 for specific information. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department 760-602-4610.

## RESIDENTIAL ZONES

**Residential zone restrictions.** Satellite television antennas shall be considered as accessory to the main structure and shall be permitted in residential zones subject to the following limitations.

1. The antenna shall be ground mounted.
2. The antenna shall be located within the rear or side yard only; on corner lots the antenna shall not be located on the street side yard.
3. The antenna shall not exceed fifteen feet in height.
4. The antenna shall not be permitted on properties which have been designated as historic sites.
5. The antenna shall be screened from adjacent properties and public view by a wall, fence, hedge, or appropriate plant or landscape material between the antenna and the property line so that no more than 25% of the antenna extends above the top of the screening material.
6. The antenna shall be located at least four feet from any property line.
7. No more than one satellite television antenna shall be permitted per lot.
8. The antenna shall not exceed ten (10) feet in diameter.

## RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONES

### Residential and Commercial Zone restrictions.

1. The antenna shall not be located in any public or private easements.
2. The antenna shall not be located in any drainage channel or over a drainage structure.

## COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Commercial and industrial zone restrictions. Satellite television antennas shall be considered as accessory to the main structure and shall be permitted in all commercial and industrial zones subject to the following limitations:

1. Ground mounted antenna.
  - A. Ground mounted antennas shall be located in the rear 50% of the lot.
  - B. The antenna shall not exceed 20 feet in height.
  - C. The antenna shall not be used as a sign or contain any advertising copy.
  - D. The antenna shall be screened from adjacent properties and public view by a wall, fence, hedge, or other appropriate plant or landscape line so that no more than 25% of the antenna extends above the top of the screening material.
  - E. The antenna shall not be located in any required parking area.
2. Roof mounted antennas may be permitted subject to the following limitations:
  - A. Roof mounted antennas shall not exceed 15 feet in height provided, however, that in no event shall the antenna extend more than 5 feet above the permitted height of building upon which it is located.



